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SUBJ: THIRD WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) - JUNE 20-24 - MANILA

1. FINAL DECISION ON SITE 4TH (AND POSSIBLY 5TH) WFC SESSIONS LEFT IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT AND BUREAU IN CONSULTATION WITH SYG WALDHEIM AND POTENTIAL HOST GOVERNMENTS.

2. OFFERS OF SUDAN AND ARGENTINA ARE DEFINITELY ON TABLE FOR 1978 AND MEXICO HAS ASKED FOR TIME TO CONSIDER WHETHER ITS EARLIER OFFER QUOTE SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN UNQUOTE. NIGERIA SPOKE OF DESIRE TO HOST FUTURE SESSION BUT NOT IN 1978. COUNCIL ACCEPTED PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION THAT THE TIME OF MEETING BE MAY-JUNE IN ORDER THAT WFC REPORT CAN BE SUBMITTED ON TIMELY BASIS TO ECOSOC.

3. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT DECISION ON SITE OF 5TH MEETING MIGHT ALSO BE TAKEN SHOULD THIS PROVE HELPFUL IN REACHING SATISFACTORY DECISION ON PLACE FOR 1978. THIS, UNCLASSIFIED

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PERHAPS UNFORTUNATELY, WAS ACCEPTED AFTER SOME CONFUSION OF WHETHER THIS WAS APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF ANNUAL CHANGES IN WFC MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER, MEXICAN SITUATION AND NO RESTRICTION OF STILL ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS GIVES PRESIDENT, ETC. WIDE LATITUDE IN REACHING AGREEABLE SITES SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY DECIDE CONCERNING BOTH 1978 AND 1979.

4. BECAUSE OF GENERALLY RECOGNIZED SUCCESS OF THIS SESSION, OVERWHELMING HOSPITALITY OF PHILIPPINE PEOPLE AND GENERAL ANIMOSITY OF SECRETARIAT AGAINST ROME (DESPITE FUNCTIONAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED HERE), THERE IS LIKELIHOOD THAT CONFERENCE WILL IN FUTURE MEET MOST OFTEN OUTSIDE ROME. COMMENT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE (SWIFT) WAS PERHAPS INDICATIVE - QUOTE: WE SHOULD NOT MEET IN ROME UNTIL THE PEOPLE THERE LEARN TO BEHAVE LIKE PEOPLE FROM CAPITALS. UNQUOTE IN RESPONSE TO THIS, BANGLADESH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO REPLIED THAT ROME WILL BE SITE OF WFC PREPCOMS. STULL

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